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Georgia DOT Continues Asphalt Repair On Highway 53 In Pickens County Next Week

JASPER, Ga. - Georgia DOT advises motorists in Pickens County that maintenance crews continue next week to work on repairing and deep patching the deteriorating asphalt spots on State Route (SR) 53. Work will proceed daily Monday, June 29 through Thursday, July 2, 2015 from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. and will force a temporary single lane closure. This maintenance operation and the lane closure it necessitates are weather permitting and subject to change.

It is the Georgia DOT policy to repair and maintain Georgia interstates and state highways promptly, efficiently and economically using well-planned activities such as deep patching, proper equipment, and skilled and dedicated employees. Prompt repair of small asphalt pavement defects has significant impacts on reducing maintenance costs. Deep patching which will be used in this maintenance operation is one of the methods Georgia DOT uses to repair deteriorated, settled, cracking and dislodged pavement. The technique is much less expensive than other methods. As used by GDOT, deep patching provides a reasonable measure of roadway repairs and reduces maintenance costs.

DriveAlert ArriveAlive calls attention to an alarming increase in roadway fatalities across Georgia, many resulting from preventable crashes and distracted driving. **DriveAlert ArriveAlive** implores motorists to buckle up; stay off the phone and no texting; and drive alert. Visit www.dot.ga.gov/DS/SafetyOperation/DAAA. #ArriveAliveGA For information on the Department of Transportation, visit <http://www.dot.ga.gov>. You also may follow us on (www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT-Northwest) and *Twitter* (<https://twitter.com/GDOTNW>).

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